

MCDHH E-News: March 4, 2022

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World Hearing Day 2022 (March 3)

Theme: *To hear for life, listen with care!*

On World Hearing Day 2022, WHO will focus on the importance of safe listening as a means of maintaining good hearing across the life course. In 2021, WHO launched the *World report on hearing* that highlighted the increasing number of people living with and at risk of hearing loss. It highlighted noise control as one of the seven key H.E.A.R.I.N.G. interventions and stressed the importance of mitigating exposure to loud sounds.

The World Hearing Day 2022 with the theme “*To hear for life, listen with care*” will focus on the importance and means of hearing loss prevention through safe listening, with the following **key messages**:

- **It is possible to have good hearing across the life course through ear and hearing care**
- **Many common causes of hearing loss can be prevented, including hearing loss caused by exposure to loud sounds**
- **‘Safe listening’ can mitigate the risk of hearing loss associated with recreational sound exposure**
- **WHO calls upon governments, industry partners and civil society to raise awareness for and implement evidence-based standards that promote safe listening**

For more information, click here: <https://www.who.int/campaigns/world-hearing-day/2022>

2022 TDI Scholarship Now in its fourth year, the TDI Communication Access Scholarship Program is accepting applications. This program is available to all deaf and hard-of-hearing students graduating from high school this year. The scholarship application encourages deaf and hard-of-hearing students to innovate and bring forth ideas for addressing the communication challenges that the deaf and hard-of-hearing community faces.

“We hope that through disbursing scholarship, more deaf and hard of hearing youth leaders are given a head start to making an impact on advocating for accessibility, equity, and inclusion in information and communications technology,” said Mei Kennedy, TDI Scholarship chairperson. “Last year, we awarded six outstanding individuals and hope to see a growing number of applicants.”

Upcoming Public Meeting:

MCDHH Commission Meeting

March 10, 2022

Lohman’s Landing Building

100 Jefferson St.

Jefferson City, MO 65101

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

All deaf and hard of hearing graduating high school seniors can apply online at TDIforAccess.org/Scholarship before **May 13, 2022**. Applications can also be mailed and must be postmarked by the deadline. Applicants will be notified before September of the award.

For full scholarship details on eligibility, requirements, and application, visit TDIforAccess.org/Scholarship

Starkloff Disability Institute (SDI) is seeking to hire a Deaf & Hard of Hearing Outreach Coordinator. This position will help create meaningful relationships between SDI and the Deaf & Hard of Hearing community and build new connections within our programs. Would you please share the attached job listing with your organization and network? Interested candidates may apply by emailing a cover letter and resume to me at bchao@starkloff.org. For more information, click here: [Outreach Coordinator](#)

2nd Annual Deaf in Healthcare Summit for Interpreters – April 8-10, 2022. Organized on the theme, “Ascending in the New Normal,” this year’s virtual summit is designed to provide sign language interpreters with a professional platform to learn from and collaborate with Deaf, hard of hearing and DeafBlind stakeholders, medical interpreters and medical professionals to create a shared vision of consumer-centric interpreting experiences in healthcare settings where everyone benefits.

We are also partnering with the Association of Medical Professionals with Hearing Losses (AMPHL) to host a pre-conference that will provide interpreters with the skills, knowledge and resources to support Deaf and hard of hearing medical professionals in clinical settings. This pre-conference will be taking place April 7-8, 2022.

The summit agenda and additional pertinent information is listed at www.2axend.com/summit

CREST (Cultivating Research & Equity in Sign-Related Technology) Network is looking for distinguished professionals in the sign language technology field to give presentations about their work as part of our CREST Talks series. Lecturers will be compensated financially. All advertising and accommodations (ASL-English interpreting, captioning, etc.) will be handled on our end.

This is a fantastic opportunity for those seeking a platform to share knowledge and experience! Interested? Know someone who would be perfect for this? Please email us for more details at crest@gallaudet.edu! Be sure to check out our website here: [CREST Network](#) Also subscribe to our io.groups so you are in the know of current happenings in the sign language technology field!



This is the MOCIL (Missouri Centers for Independent Living) logo with MOCIL in multi-colors, a blue banner with the words STILL GOING STRONG in white. This is advertising the I.L. Summit on May 22 – 24, 2022 to be held at the Branson Convention Center & Hiltons of Branson. It is open to Centers for independent living and partners who serve the disability community. There will be 30 break-out sessions, 2 keynote general sessions and opening day session that will discuss a wide array of issues.

Deaf and Hard of Hearing youth, parents, educators, interested Crew Leaders, and anyone in the Deaf community who is interested in outdoor jobs are welcome to join for the Job Spotlight! Learn more about the program and application and ask any questions you may have. [Our first zoom webinar is TONIGHT AT 7pm EST!](#) Flyer is attached. *This event will be conducted in ASL, and an ASL interpreter will be provided for anyone who needs it. Please Register to get a Zoom Link.*

Overcoming Barriers in the Healthcare Field Using Technology - Check out some incredible technology that has made the medical field more accessible for students wanting to pursue careers in medicine. These devices allow students to overcome many barriers in the journey to become a physician! Click here to learn more [Barriers in Healthcare](#)

Gallaudet University IRB Approval needs participants for a study on a novel ASL-based measure of cognitive functioning. To participate: scan QR code or click [Study Flyer.pdf](#) to access study description and to complete eligibility screening or contact Erin Timperlake – Primary Researcher ASLCogStudy@gallaudet.edu

IDRT — Institute for Disabilities Research and Training, Inc is offering myASLTech.com program. Here are some highlights:

myASLTech.com is a unique online toolkit of 10 assistive technologies that enable users to:

- * Efficiently create and archive ASL-enhanced educational materials and quizzes
- * Pair text with sign graphics and video in real time to support reading
- * Build and cloud-share creations with other myASLTech.com Colleagues
- * Play games that reinforce ASL and English literacy
- * Read original children's stories with ASL video translations and voiceover

myASLTech.com contains a central growing database of over 11,500 words, phrases, symbols, idioms and numbers and their representative sign language graphics and video clips. As the database expands, so do the capabilities of each assistive technology tool. Training and technical assistance are FREE!

To learn more, visit: https://www.idrt.com/asltech_home.php



Here is the University of Northern Colorado's logo. It has the University name in blue and the word IRIS in yellow with the words Improving Rural Interpreter Skills in blue. There is a light blue and purple Iris petal on the side on the word IRIS.

Still time to apply! IRIS (Improving Rural Interpreter Skills) Project Instructional Team There is still time to apply to be a part of the IRIS instructional team (quick link to the application below)! For more information, including a recording of an informational Q&A session, visit the [IRIS Instructional Candidates](#) webpage. Recruitment for IRIS *participants/students* will be in *Spring 2022*! See more about IRIS on our [website](#), [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.

DeafNation Expo

We are the foremost touring trade show for, by, and about deaf people since 2003, has attracted more than 1 million attendees since. Our philosophy is that free admission brings a diversity of attendees who can share our culture, needs, language, and information. This event is open to the public with free admission. The event will include exhibition, entertainment and sessions. For more information: <https://deafnation.com/>

Saturday, April 2, 2022 | 9 AM – 5 PM

Kansas City Convention Center

301 W. 13th St. Suite 100, Kansas City, MO 65105

Collaboration with Other State Agencies

The Disability Rights Legislative Day Planning Committee is proud to announce Disability Rights Legislative Day 2022 will be held March 9, 2022. A Save the Date is attached and below. Please go to the [event website](https://drlld.org/) (DRLD.org) to learn what we are planning and sign up to receive event and registration updates. We hope to see you there!

Department of Mental Health Division of Developmental Disabilities is looking for a DeafBlind PCA. This position would be working with a DeafBlind client in the South Kansas City area. Qualified candidates should be fluent in Tactile ASL, be available 3 hours a day Monday-Friday while providing evening personal assistance support. Interested in this position? Contact Sharon Hall at (816) 889-3422 or Sharon.Hall@dmh.mo.gov

Kids Assistive Technology - The purpose of the KAT Program is to provide help when:

- No other funding source is available.
- When other funding sources are not enough to cover the costs of the needed assistive technology or access modifications.

Applications for children in families of lower-income receive priority. More information is available on our website on eligibility requirements.

Funding must be provided by late September 2022, so apply NOW! Contact Missouri Assistive Technology with any questions at 816-655-6700. For more information, click here [Kids Assistive Technology \(KAT\)](#)

Legislative Education Project Reminder - With over 200 disability related bills already filed and in-person testifying occurring, the Governor's Council on Disability wants to remind everyone that we have a video available on the [Legislative Education Project](#) page which can serve as an orientation to testifying in-person at a House or Senate hearing. If individuals or groups have questions after watching this video or any of the others, please contact **Laura Mueth**, Senior Program Specialist, Missouri Governor's Council on Disability and she will schedule a virtual Q&A session. Her email address is Laura.Mueth@oa.mo.gov.

Community Announcements

Talk To Someone Now - If you're thinking about suicide, are worried about a friend or loved one, or would like emotional support, the Lifeline network is available 24/7 across the United States.

- DCL: 321-800-3323 (deaf crisis line)
- DDH: 800-985-5990 (disaster distress helpline VP)
- Text: Type "HAND" to 839863

Applied Interpreting Series – "Ethical Discussions through the CPC-Part 4"

Moderated by Joe Sapienza

Date: Tuesday March 29th, 2022

Time: 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm Central Time Zone

Who: Open to Interpreters and ITP students

CEUs: 0.15 RID and Missouri CEUs

Cost: \$10.00

For more information click here: [Applied Interpreting Series](#)

Instagram and Twitter! MCDHH now has Instagram and Twitter. Please follow our page MOCDHH on Instagram and Twitter to keep updated!

Save The Date! Annual Missouri Interpreters Conference – October 7-9, 2022 at Tan – Tar – A Lake Resort, Osage Beach, MO. More details TBA.